GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NOTIFIED DISASTER LIST OF CRF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include `frost`, `cold wave` and `flash floods` in the notified disaster list of the Calamity Relief Fund to disburse financial assistance to the affected farmers;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the present notified disaster list; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): The Scheme of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been formulated by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) based on the recommendations of the 12th Finance Commission. Within this framework, inclusion of such events in the list of natural calamities in the wake of which assistance from Calamity Relief Fund is provided, is the mandate of Finance Commissions appointed from time-to-time. The issue regarding the inclusion of the events of Cold Wave' and 'Frost' in the list of notified natural calamities was raised by some States, viz; Bihar, Haryana and Orissa, before the 12th Finance Commission. However, these events have not been recommended for inclusion in the list of notified natural calamities, by the 12th Finance Commission.
In view of the position explained above, there is no proposal at present to include 'Cold Wave' and 'Frost' in the list of notified natural calamities.

The present list of notified natural calamities consists cyclone, drought, earthquake/tsunami, fire, flood, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloud burst and pest attack. The event of flash floods is covered under the category of 'floods'.